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KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK STAKES NOMINATIONS DUE SATURDAY

Second Closing of Longines Kentucky Oaks and Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic Also Due Saturday

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, April 8, 2021) – All Kentucky Derby Week stakes nominations, including the second closing of the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) and \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI), close Saturday.

The second closing of the April 30 Longines Kentucky Oaks costs \$1,500 while the Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic is a \$1,000 payment. All stakes nominations can be made by calling Churchill Downs assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork** at Dan.Bork@kyderby.com or call (502) 638-3806.

A total of 18 stakes events are scheduled to be run Kentucky Derby Week led by the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) on Saturday, May 1. There are six graded stakes events on the undercard of the Derby: the Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic, the \$500,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (GI), the \$500,000 Churchill Downs presented by Ford (GI), the \$500,000 Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile (GII), the \$500,000 American Turf (GII) and the \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU (GII).

The Kentucky Oaks undercard is topped by the \$500,000 La Troienne (GI). Also run on the undercard will be the \$400,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (GII), the \$300,000 Eight Belles presented by Smithfield (GII), the \$300,000 Edgewood (GII) and the \$250,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco (GII).

The stakes action begins Saturday, April 24 with Opening Night of the Spring Meet where the headlining race will be the \$125,000 William Walker (Listed). Tuesday's Champions Day card is topped by the \$120,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. Wednesday's card will feature the \$125,000 Kentucky Juvenile and Thurby's program will showcase a stakes duo of the \$150,000 Unbridled Sydney and the \$120,000 Opening Verse.

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